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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

RALPH W. BALCH

Supervisors of the Check List

HAROLD C. WEBB

HARRY A. ELLIOTT

ARTHUR B. CHESLEY

Town Clerk

PEARL M. DIMICK

Selectmen

ALLEN L. COLE

Term expires in 1956

CHARLES M. SEARS, JR.

Term expires in 1957

KENNETH E. ELDER

Term expires in 1958

Treasurer

PEARL M. DIMICK

Overseer of the Poor

KENNETH E. ELDER

Tax Collector

CHARLES E. TUPPER

Highway Agent

CHESTER D. PIKE

Trustees of Trust Funds

CHARLES M. SEARS, JR.

Term expires in 1956

EVERETT B. RICH

Term expires in 1957

ALLEN L. COLE

Term expires in 1958

Library Trustees

MARTHA E. LAMPHERE	Term expires in 1956
DORCAS CHAFFEE	Term expires in 1956
RALPH W. BALCH	Term expires in 1956
PAULINE WHITTEMORE	Term expires in 1957
JULIA MAYO	Term expires in 1957
FLORENCE SESSLER	Term expires in 1957
ELMER FULTON	Term expires in 1958
BEATRICE BUSE	Term expires in 1958
ETHEL DEMAREST	Term expires in 1958

Budget Committee

RALPH A. LAMPHERE	Term expires in 1956
CHARLES E. DIXON	Term expires in 1956
RAYMOND H. BALCH	Term expires in 1956
MILLARD R. ULINE	Term expires in 1957
DONALD RECORD	Term expires in 1957
RALPH W. BALCH	Term expires in 1957
EVERETT B. RICH	Term expires in 1958
GLEN BUZZELL	Term expires in 1958
GUY NICHOLS	Term expires in 1958

Police Officers

HERBERT I. PERKINS	CLARENCE L. PUSHEE
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Chief of Fire Department

HARRY P. FRANKLIN

Auditors

ALBERT W. PUSHEE	GRANT P. BALCH
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School Board

ROBERT G. CHAFFEE	Term expires in 1956
GRANT P. BALCH	Term expires in 1957
ARTHUR E. DERBY	Term expires in 1958

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lyme in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Church Hall in said Lyme on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations of the same.
3. To see what action the Town will take upon the budget submitted by the Budget Committee.
4. To see what compensation the Town will allow its officers and what price will be paid for work on the highways for the ensuing year.
5. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes paid before November 1, 1956, at the same rate as the Town pays for money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.
7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board of five members with duties as set forth in Sections 1-15, Chapter 36, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, to make a study of the town's development and report to the town appropriate recommendations for the promotion and maintenance of the town's best

development. The board members shall consist of one selectman and four other citizens appointed by the selectmen, as provided in Sections 1-15, Chapter 36, New Hampshire Revised Statutes annotated, 1955.

8. To see if the Town will close, under the following conditions, portions of the so-called Dump Road or Hewes Brook Road:
 - (a) Access to the Town Dump is to be restricted by locked gates situated (1) westerly of the Leo Wilmot house and (2) easterly of the C. Ross McKenney house.
 - (b) The gates shall be opened to residents of Lyme only, at hours to be specified by the selectmen.
 - (c) The selectmen are authorized to furnish keys to the locked gates to those residents of Lyme who have compelling reasons (other than access to the dump) for using this road.
9. To see if the Town will close, subject to gates and bars, the road (approx. .5 miles) between the George Burgess — formerly Lord — property and Goose Pond Road.
10. To see if the Town will close, subject to gates and bars, the road (approx. 1.2 miles) from the Rev. Daniel Fox house to Arthur Chesley's, via the old Bailey place; and the intersecting road (approx. .4 miles) from the old Bailey place to the so-called L. Derby place.
11. To see if the Town will close, subject to gates and bars, the road (approx. .6 miles) between the Orfordville Road and Mud Turtle Pond Road.
12. To see if the Town will close, subject to gates and bars, the road (approx. .3 miles) from Brick Hill Road westerly adjacent to Frank Gregory's to the River Road.

13. To see if the Town will close, subject to gates and bars, the road (approx. 1 mile) from Royal C. Nemiah's to the junction southerly of the Ralph Small home.
14. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Allen L. Cole,
Charles M. Sears, Jr.
Kenneth E. Elder,
Selectmen of Lyme

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

Allen L. Cole,
Charles M. Sears, Jr.
Kenneth E. Elder,
Selectmen of Lyme

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LYME, N. H.

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, '56, to December 31, '56
Compared With

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

SOURCES OF REVENUE

From State:

Interest and Dividends Tax	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
Railroad Tax	\$ 3,782.98	\$ 3,782.98	\$ 3,700.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,100.00	1,104.57	1,100.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber Yield Tax	40.00	182.64	175.00
	2,388.92	1,588.69	900.00
			1,400.00

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	440.00	466.80	450.00
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	100.00	345.50	100.00
(b) Sewers			
(c) Duncan Fund	1,196.38	1,196.38	1,262.47
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,000.00	4,619.10	4,500.00
	<u>\$13,048.28</u>	<u>\$13,286.66</u>	<u>\$13,587.47</u>

**From Local Taxes Other Than
Property Taxes:**

- (a) Poll Taxes — Regular @ \$2
- (b) National Bank Stock Taxes

Total Revenues From All Sources
Except Property Taxes

Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes

Total Revenues

768.00	792.00	790.00
10.00	10.00	10.00
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\$13,826.28	\$14,088.66	\$14,387.47
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		19,679.23
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		\$34,066.70

Budget Continued

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries
 Town Officers' Expenses
 Election and Registration Expenses
 Town Reports
 Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department
 Fire Department
 Moth Exterm. — Blister Rust
 Insurance
 Forest Fires and Tools
 Care of Trees

Health:

Town Dump and Garbage Removal

Appropriations	Actual Ex-	Estimated Ex-
Previous	penditures	penditures
Year	Previous	Ensnuing Year
1955	1955	1956
\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,783.58	\$ 2,400.00
500.00	531.28	500.00
100.00	40.00	300.00
300.00	304.25	325.00
100.00	53.50	100.00
150.00	107.87	150.00
1,450.00	1,218.50	1,450.00
400.00		100.00
50.00	17.50	50.00
100.00	97.00	100.00
	35.00	300.00
200.00	136.00	250.00

Highways and Bridges:

Duncan Fund	1,196.38		1,262.47
Town Maintenance — Summer	6,500.00	5,561.62	5,000.00
Town Maintenance — Winter	4,500.00	7,505.98	7,000.00
Street Lighting	600.00	592.50	603.00
Town Road Aid	758.87	758.87	758.73

Libraries

	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
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Public Welfare:

Town Poor	500.00	737.34	500.00
Old Age Assistance	3,600.00	3,586.55	3,600.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	100.00	101.00	100.00
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Recreation:

Rec. Council, Band Concerts	125.00	125.00	125.00
Parks and Playground	225.00	360.09	225.00

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	100.00	62.50	100.00
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Unclassified:

Advertising and Regional Associations	100.00	100.00	100.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	350.00	91.28	150.00

Interest:			
On Temporary Loans			300.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	250.00	300.00	300.00
	70.00	52.50	17.50
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction, Culverts	800.00	822.23	500.00
New Equipment, Fire	1,490.76	1,490.76	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(a) Bonds	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
(b) Payment to Capital Reserve Funds (North Thetford Bridge)			1,500.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	3,020.73	3,020.73	3,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$33,236.74</u>	<u>\$32,793.43</u>	<u>\$34,066.70</u>

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF LYME

April 1, 1955

Land and Buildings		\$1,158,645.00
Electric Utility Companies	3	89,745.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	92	2,370.00
Cows	569	35,320.00
Neat Stock	172	8,015.00
Sheep and Goats	97	970.00
Hogs	2	40.00
Fowl	680	680.00
Boats and Launches	30	900.00
Portable Mills	2	300.00
Road Machinery	5	11,000.00
Wood and Lumber		13,450.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		1,430.00
Stock in Trade		16,675.00
Mills and Machinery	5	6,250.00
Aqueducts	1	1,700.00
Gross valuation before exemptions		\$1,347,630.00
Less: Veterans' exemptions		63,985.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$1,283,645.00
Number of veteran exemptions	68	
Rate of taxation per \$100	\$4.70	

AUDITORS' REPORT

Lyme, New Hampshire

January 31, 1956

This certifies that we have this day examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, Tax Collector, Highway Agent, the Treasurer of the Trust Funds, the Treasurer of the Library, and the Treasurer of the Fire Department for the year 1955 and find all correctly cast and each item supported by its proper voucher.

ALBERT W. PUSHEE,
GRANT P. BALCH,
Auditors

BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1955

Assets

Cash on hand		\$25,158.69
Accounts due the town:		
Balance from state, account reimbursement timber ex- emption	\$ 935.88	
1955 Yield Tax	1,400.00	
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Unredeemed taxes:		
Levy of 1955	\$3,224.27	
Levy of 1954	1,540.75	
Levy of 1953	679.06	
Levy of prior years	1,141.62	
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Uncollected taxes:		
Levy of 1955	\$ 131.25	
Levy of prior years	75.87	
Head Taxes, 1955	305.00	
Head Taxes, prior years	131.00	
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Total Assets (exclusive of town property)		\$34,723.39

Liabilities and Surplus

1955 Head Tax due state	\$ 305.00
Balance of 1955 appropriation, due School District	28,598.38
Bonds due 1956	2,000.00
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Total liabilities	\$30,903.38
Surplus	3,820.01
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Total liabilities and surplus	\$34,723.39

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Refunding Bonds — 1941

Interest Rate — $1\frac{3}{4}\%$

Amount of original issue	\$34,000.00
Date of issue	July 1, 1941
Principal maturity date	July 1
Payable at Dartmouth National Bank, Hanover, N. H.	

Date Due	Amt. of Bonds	Int.	Total
July 1, 1956	\$2,000.00	\$ 17.50	\$2,017.50

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Received for Automobile Permits:

21—1954 Permits	\$ 88.90	
603—1955 Permits	4,530.20	
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Received for Dog Licenses:

187 Dogs	\$ 431.00
60 Dogs (4 Kennels)	74.00

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Less Fees of Clerk	38.20	
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Total receipts	\$5,085.90
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Total payments to treasurer	5,085.90
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REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Levy of 1955

Dr.

Property tax Warrant	\$60,415.90
Added Property taxes	19.40
Poll Tax Warrant	776.00
Added Polls	12.00
Interest collected	128.65
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	\$61,351.95

Cr.

Property taxes collected	\$60,153.86
Bank and Capital Stock taxes	10.00
Poll taxes collected	662.00
Abatements, Property and Polls	128.00
Discount allowed	138.19
Interest collected	128.65
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	\$61,220.70

Uncollected:

Property	\$39.25	
Polls	92.00	
	<hr/>	131.25
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		\$61,351.95
Received in anticipation of Timber tax	\$	100.00

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1955

Dr.

Original Warrant	\$ 2,370.00
Added	45.00
Penalties collected	13.50
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	\$ 2,428.50

Cr.

Remitted to treasurer	\$ 2,040.00
Abatements	70.00
Penalties collected	13.50
Uncollected	305.00
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	\$ 2,428.50

Collections, Previous Years

1954 Head Taxes	\$ 360.00
Penalties	36.00
'51, '52, '53 Head taxes	14.00
Penalties	1.00
1954 Yield	1,002.30
1953 Yield	450.74
Property taxes	35.65
Poll taxes	130.00
Interest	33.77
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	\$ 2,063.46

Tax Sales Redeemed to Town

1954 Sales	\$ 837.64	Interest	\$ 48.10
1953 Sales	1,040.14	Interest	113.85
1952 Sales	679.41	Interest	148.64
1951 Sales	323.50	Interest	112.86
1950 Sales	99.35	Interest	28.76
1949 Sales	5.02	Interest	57.42
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	\$2,985.06		\$ 509.63
Total remitted to treasurer			\$68,666.16

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Tupper, Collector

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Cash on hand December 31, 1954	\$ 21,841.87
Total receipts	100,773.68
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	\$122,615.55
Total payments	97,456.86
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Cash on hand December 31, 1955	\$ 25,158.69

Receipts

Property taxes, 1955	\$60,153.86	
Poll taxes, 1955	662.00	
Yield taxes, 1955	100.00	
National Bank Stock taxes, 1955	10.00	
Property and Yield taxes, prior years	1,488.69	
Poll taxes, prior years	130.00	
Tax sales redeemed	2,985.06	
Interest & penalties on taxes	722.55	
	<hr/>	66,252.16
Head taxes collected for state		2,414.00
From town clerk (see report)		5,085.90
From the state:		
Interest and Dividend tax	\$ 3,782.98	
Railroad tax	1,104.57	
Savings Bank Tax	182.64	
Head tax refund	8.33	
Town road aid refund	1.35	
Bounty reimbursement	275.00	
	<hr/>	5,354.87
From temporary borrowing in anticipation of taxes		20,000.00
From Capital Reserve Fund for fire truck		1,624.32
Interest on deposits		42.43
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Total Receipts		\$100,773.68

Payments

Town Officers' Salaries

Allen L. Cole, selectman	\$ 125.00
Chas. M. Sears, selectman	168.00
Kenneth E. Elder, selectman	262.00
Chas. E. Tupper, tax collector	705.08
Pearl M. Dimick, clerk-treas.	478.50
Harris C. Pushee, auditor	25.00
Grant P. Balch, auditor	20.00

1,783.58

Town Officers' Supplies and Expenses:

Selectmen	\$ 92.59
Tax Collector	156.53
Town Clerk	32.17
Bonds	105.00
Telephone	90.00
Supplies	54.99

531.28

Election and Registration:

Harold C. Webb, supervisor	\$ 7.50
Arthur B. Chesley, supervisor	7.50
Hent of hall	25.00

40.00

Expenses of Town Buildings:

Light, Recreation Bldg.	\$ 24.00
Painting, Library Bldg.	29.50

53.50

Police Department Services and Expense:

Clarence L. Pushee	\$ 57.67
Herbert I. Perkins	50.20

107.87

Fire Department:

Paid to treasurer (see report)	\$ 1,450.00
Less reimbursement — Town of Thetford	231.50

1,218.50

Forest Fires (see report)

97.00

Highways and Bridges:

See report of agent \$13,067.60

Less:

Duncan Fund for
 Class V Roads \$1,196.38
 Town of Dorchester—
 Plowing 80.00
 Sales of pipe, etc. 40.50
 E. G. Morse —
 Brick Hill Rd. 225.00

1,541.88

Culverts 11,525.72
 Street Lighting 822.23
 Town Road Aid — 592.50
 Reservoir Pond Rd. 758.87

\$ 13,699.32

Libraries (see report)

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance \$ 3,808.67
 Less State Reimbursement 222.12

3,586.55

Town Poor (see report) 737.34

Town Dump 136.00

\$ 4,459.89

Memorial Day:

Band \$ 75.00
 Flags 26.00

101.00

Recreation:

Recreation Council \$ 125.00
 Parks and Playgrounds 360.09

485.09

Cemeteries

Advertising — Dartmouth—

62.50

Lake Sunapee Region

100.00

Indebtedness:		
Town bonds	\$ 2,000.00	
Borrowing in anticipation of taxes	20,000.00	
	<hr/>	22,000.00
Interest:		
On bonds	\$ 52.50	
On temporary loans	300.00	
	<hr/>	352.50
County tax		3,020.73
Head taxes paid to state		2,183.58
Treasurer of School District		39,045.64
Balance of fire truck:		
From Reserve Fund	\$ 1,624.32	
From 1955 appropriation	1,490.76	
	<hr/>	3,115.08
Taxes bought by town		3,224.27
Town reports		304.25
Bounties		127.50
Social Security Taxes		91.28
Spraying Trees		35.00
Insurance		17.50
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		\$51,164.83
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Total payments		\$ 97,456.86

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Labor:

	Summer	Winter	Total
Chester D. Pike	\$ 686.40	\$ 815.52	\$ 1,501.92
Charles C. Pike	421.20	990.60	1,411.80
Walter J. Piper	1,102.40	1,544.40	2,646.80
Lon J. Pike	1,032.50	693.04	1,725.54
Zelma Bates		607.78	607.78
John Jewell	223.00	99.12	322.12
Lewis Simmons	188.50	96.00	284.50
Others	30.08	14.16	44.24
Total labor	\$ 3,684.08	\$ 4,860.62	\$ 8,544.70

Truck and Equipment Rentals:

C. D. Pike	\$ 641.00	\$ 1,104.00	\$ 1,745.00
Other trucks, shovels, bulldozer rentals	691.45		691.45
Other honing and plowing		257.21	257.21
Sand and gravel	81.84	351.00	432.84
Salt and chloride		166.00	166.00
Dynamiting, materials and labor	236.85		236.85
Plank	68.93	46.92	115.85
Equipment parts and repairs	65.04	505.04	570.08
Fuel, oil and grease	53.28	118.46	171.74
Miscellaneous supplies	19.05	79.88	98.93
Bank service charges	8.10	4.85	12.95
Electricity	12.00	12.00	24.00
	\$ 1,877.54	\$ 2,645.36	\$ 4,522.90
Total	\$5 561.62	\$ 7,505.98	\$13,067.60

There is nothing new or unusual to report. Several new culverts were put in and we did the regular amount of machine work on the roads.

The winter of 1955-1956 has required a great deal of sanding. We stockpiled 600 yards of sand and may need more.

As in the past, we have done the best we can, considering the type of roads we have to maintain and trying to keep within the limits of available funds.

Chester D. Pike,
Road Agent

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

D. M. Pond & Son,	\$ 72.38
Lyme Cash Market,	11.00
George Loupis,	57.08
C. H. Clifford,	71.15
Bomhower's Oil service,	16.60
Grafton County Farm,	378.00
Everett C. Campbell, M.D.,	54.00
L. E. McKinley, M.D.,	12.00
D. M. Pond & Son, tramps	9.10
Connecticut Valley Electric Co., lights	35.80
Kenneth E. Elder, telephone, mileage and expense	20.23
Total	<hr/> \$ 737.34

Kenneth E. Elder,
Overseer

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

3 Grass Fires	\$ 30.60
1 Forest Fire	35.95
Burning Town Dump	40.70
New Tools	13.80
Training Meeting at Lebanon	26.16
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	\$ 147.21
Less State Reimbursement	50.21
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	\$ 97.00
Number of Permits Issued	83

Kenneth E. Elder,
Warden

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Raymond Balch

Dean LaMott

William Day

C. Ross McKenney

Harry Sanborn

LYME TRUST FUNDS
As of December 31, 1955

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Principal, January 1, 1955		\$15,506.15
Capital Gains — Fidelity Fund		483.13
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Principal, December 31, 1955		\$15,989.28
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Cemetery Trust Funds	\$12,791.17	
Lyme School Note	3,198.11	
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	\$15,989.28	
1584 shs. Fidelity Fund at cost	\$15,613.58	
Dartmouth Savings Bank	375.70	
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	\$15,989.28	
Market Value Fidelity Fund Shares at Dec. 31, 1955, approximately	\$23,760.00	
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Original Amounts Set Up in Trust	\$14,013.79	

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1955		\$ 522.94
Dividends — Fidelity Fund	\$ 839.52	
Interest — Savings Account	12.92	
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		852.44
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		\$ 1,375.38
Less Share of Income Paid Lyme School District		170.50
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		\$ 1,204.88

Expenses:

Labor:		
David Fowler	\$ 553.42	
Zelma Bates	61.36	
Others	67.26	
	<hr/>	682.04
Mower Rental — D. Fowler		201.50
Trucking — W. Lamphere		23.98
Bank Service Charges		4.60
Social Security Taxes		12.93
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Total Expenses		\$ 925.05
Balance, December 31, 1955		<hr/>
		\$ 279.83

Income averaged 5.33% on Funds

Everett B. Rich,
Allen L. Cole,
Charles M. Sears, Jr.
Trustees

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 24.84	
Town Appropriation, 1955	1,450.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,474.84

Payments

Pay for firemen	\$ 314.50	
Insurance	280.72	
Fuel Oil	135.92	
Gas and Oil — Truck Expense	75.37	
Telephone and Lights	154.02	
Social Security, postage and bank charges	24.28	
Other supplies, including new hose	447.02	
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Balance, December 31, 1955		\$ 43.01
Paid to Town of Lyme by Town of Thetford for out - of - town service		\$ 231.50

Number of Fire Calls in 1955

Chimney Fires	6
Garage & Home Fires	4
Out-of-Town Fires	4
Grass Fires	2
Brush Fires	1
Gas Pump Fire	1

The Fire Department savings account amounted to \$126.26 on January 1, 1955. 1955 Bank interest, plus a gift of \$8.25 from Merlyn Hanchett, brings the present total to \$141.92. This money is the property of the Fire Department members, having been earned and saved by them, and has no connection with Town funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry E. Sanborn,
Treasurer

LYME TOWN LIBRARY

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1955	\$	3.07	
Interest on Dartmouth Savings			
Bank Funds		32.58	
Town appropriation		1,200.00	
Fines		24.00	
Utility Club Donation		25.00	
Gift from Miss Flora Hatcher		25.00	
F. E. West memorial fund		22.25	
Lost books		4.22	
To replace damaged book		1.00	
Individuals and organizations purchasing books through the library		13.21	
		<hr/>	\$1,350.33

Expenditures

Mrs. R. A. Miles, librarian	\$	103.13
Mrs. Mary Dixon, asst. librarian		30.00
Hattie Wise, asst. librarian		23.94
Mrs. Robert Chaffee, asst. librarian		22.94
Books		410.49
Magazines		43.10
Electricity		47.15
Fuel		233.30
Janitor		28.00
Maurice Crawford, painting		206.00
Care of grounds		64.86
Library supplies		22.50
Maintenance supplies		21.19
Lyme Aqueduct Company		18.00
Boisvert's Oil Burner Service		7.89

American Library Association	6.00	
Checking account service charge	9.70	
Stationery	1.00	
Postage	3.10	
Beatrice Buse	3.05	
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		1,305.34
Balance on hand January 1, 1956		44.99
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		\$1,350.33
Funds in Dartmouth Savings Bank		\$1,078.81

Mrs. R. A. Lamphere,

Treasurer

BEQUEST OF MR. GEORGE W. BARNES

The town gratefully acknowledges the generous gift under the will of Mr. George W. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes bequeathed to the Town of Lyme the sum of \$100,000 and the old hotel lot adjoining the Lyme Plain school. The net sum available, after State inheritance taxes, will be \$91,500. The Town is allowed five years to accept the gift.

The bequest is to be used "in the construction of a public building either upon the old hotel lot or upon the adjacent lot as the selectmen may determine to be the most suitable location."

It is expected that the money will be available to us in 1957. Consequently, the selectmen feel that it is wise to move slowly in arriving at a decision as to the purpose, type and location of the building.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LYME TOWN LIBRARY

Books and Magazines Circulated	Lyme Plain	Lyme Center	Chesley	Total
Adult non-fiction	1082	87		1169
Adult fiction	1923	100		2023
Juvenile non-fiction	1421	280	102	1803
Juvenile fiction	4134	1158	321	5613
	<hr/> 8560	<hr/> 1625	<hr/> 423	<hr/> 10608

The total circulation figure for 1955 is somewhat below that of 1954, an all time high in the Library's history. Similar declines in circulation have been noted by other libraries in this area and attributed to the recent and widespread appearance of television. Whatever the explanation, Lyme Town Library's per capita circulation figure of 11 is well above that of 8.5, which is used by the State Library as a standard of adequate service to the community.

Of 354 books acquired during the past year, 149 were gifts, an unusually large number, and one a memorial. Most of these books were presented directly to the Library by more than 20 donors, but a portion were purchased by the Book Committee with funds given by the Utility Club and Miss Flora Hatcher. A memorial fund for Mr. Frank West was established in November. Books purchased with this money will not be accessioned until next year.

For assistance in making more books available to the public, we are again indebted to the Bookmobile which supplied the Library and its branches with 1000 books which were circulated for eight week periods, and to the State Library for the loan of approximately 120 volumes.

Mr. Ralph Riley, Extension librarian, assisted in "weeding out" about 200 worn and outdated titles from the adult fiction shelves. This made it possible to place the adult biographies in the adult room, a more logical arrangement which provides much needed room for expansion in the children's section.

An interesting contest was held by the Lyme Center and Chesley branches last spring. Prize winning reports on titles in the Landmark Series of historical books for older children were read by their authors, Geraldine Burgess, Nancy King, Priscilla LaMott and Ralph Pike, on one of the Saturday morning Children's Book Fair programs, sponsored by Howe Library and broadcast over Station WTSL. Random House, publishers of Landmark books, presented the branch libraries with two new books for their shelves.

A book award in recognition of excellent use of library facilities was given to Marilyn Balch, a member of the graduating class of Lyme Center School.

During the second week in November, open houses were held at the Lyme Town Library and the Lyme Center branch on the evening of the annual Open House in the schools of the town. Special exhibits arranged at the Chesley School, as well as the two libraries, included displays of recent children's books and attractive book reports, bookmarkers, posters and peep shows, made by the school children in their classes.

The Library staff lost two valuable members during the past year. The librarian, Mrs. Ralph Miles, resigned in September and is spending the winter in Florida. The trustees presented her with a token of their appreciation for her 15 years of service to the Library and the community. Her friendly assistance is greatly missed by children and adults alike.

Miss Beatrice Buse has resigned as librarian of the Lyme Center branch library which she established in January, 1953. With the appointment of Mrs. Katherine Bryant as extension librarian in charge of the service at Lyme Center and Chesley School, these branches will be even more closely integrated into the over-all program of the Library. The trustees and the community owe Miss Buse a debt of gratitude for her vision in creating this extension service, which has resulted in a 20% increase in circulation and been of great help to the school children and the teachers in the Lyme Center and Chesley districts.

The interior of the Library was repainted on schedule, a process which necessitated the removal from, and the replacement on the shelves, of nearly 4000 books. This was accomplished by volunteers to whom the trustees are grateful. Mr. Maurice Crawford did the very thorough job of redecoration which gives the Library a fresh and attractive appearance. Following their policy of continuing improvement of Library property, the trustees plan, during the coming year, to install a low temperature thermostat to reduce heating expenses, to replace one of the Library steps which is disintegrating, and, if possible, to reduce the winter hazard of slippery steps by the construction of board covers and to purchase a screen door.

Library work is often a "labor of love," which provides in most instances its own rewards. This is particularly true in our town, where volunteer service is the basis of so many enterprises. Therefore, to all who, by particular contribution of time, money, books and magazines, and interest, have helped to maintain and enlarge the service of the Library, and to the community which has so generously supported their efforts, the Trustees are deeply grateful.

The Trustees of Lyme Town Library

Plymouth, N. H.

January 21, 1956

Office of Selectmen

Lyme, N. H.

Dear Sirs:

The following is a report of the activities carried on in your town by the N. H. Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Nursing for the year 1955.

In the months of May and October 1955 the children of Lyme first and second grades had the opportunity of attending the Salk Polio Vaccine Clinic held at Hanover. Through the cooperation of the School Officials, P.T.A. and Committee from the March of Dimes, about 40 children took advantage of this opportunity. These clinics were financed by the National Polio Foundation and conducted by the N. H. Department of Health. My sincere appreciation for all who helped make this program a success.

Home visits have also been made in the town on mothers, infants and preschool children. Arrangements have been made as necessary for children to attend the Cripple Children's Clinic at Hanover, and follow up visits made.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois W. Barton, R.N.

Public Health Nurse

N. H. Department of Health

LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Mr. Arthur E. Derby	1958
Mr. Grant P. Balch	1957
Mr. Robert G. Chaffee	1956

Treasurer

Mildred M. Grant

Superintendent

Arthur E. Pierce

Teachers

January 1, 1956

Chesley I – VIII	Mrs. Augusta H. Downs
Center V, VI, VII, VIII	Mrs. Charlotte Perkins
Center I, II, III, IV	Mrs. Margaret W. Young
Plain VII, VIII	Roger J. Williams
Plain V, VI	Mrs. Dorothy Messier
Plain III, IV	Mrs. Arlene B. Rich
Plain I, II	Mrs. Bertha L. Woodward
Music (All Schools)	Mrs. Jane MacGinnis

School Nurse

Irma J. Simeaneau

Graduating Class of 1955

Marilyn Balch	Robert Frost
Ronald Balch	Donald Hart
Geraldine Burgess	Shirley Menard
David DeGoosh	Elizabeth Nichols
Philip Elder	Francis Strout
Julia Fowler	Mary Waterbury

WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton, S.S.

School District of Lyme

To the inhabitants of the School District of Lyme qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Church Hall on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 1956, at 1:30 p.m., to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Article 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 6. To choose Agents, Auditors, Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant and fix their salaries.

Article 7. To see if the School District will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the School District the benefits of Title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance), as authorized by Chapter 101 of the Revised Statutes Annotated Amended by Chapters 301 and 332 of the Laws of 1955 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36.50 to defray the School District's share of the cost thereof.

Article 8. To see if the School District wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election.

Article 9. To see if the School District wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis.

Article 10. If a plan for Social Security coverage is adopted, to see if the School District will authorize the School Board to execute on behalf of the School District the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the School District will designate the chairman of the School Board as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Article 12. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to enter into a contract with Thetford Academy, Thetford, Vermont, as necessary for the education of the children of the Lyme School District.

Article 13. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to enter into a contract with the Hanover School District, Hanover, New Hampshire, for tuition up to \$420.00 per pupil for the education of the children of the Lyme School District. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Lyme this 20th day of February, A.D. 1956.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

Grant P. Balch,
Robert G. Chaffee,
Arthur E. Derby,
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1954
And Ending June 30, 1955

Receipts

State Aid:	
Foundation Aid	\$10,256.77
Local Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	39,111.40
Special Appropriations	1,200.00
Balance due on Previous Appropriations	1,734.24
Other Sources:	
Elementary School Tuitions	20.00
Trust Funds	155.54
Total Net Receipts from All Sources	<hr/> \$52,477.95
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1954	231.06
Grand Total	<hr/> \$52,709.01

Explanation of Difference Between Net (Actual) Receipts and Gross Transactions

Total Net Income, plus Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	\$52,709.01
Receipts from Refunds, Double Payments, "In and Out" Transactions between Districts	.50
Total Gross Income	<hr/> \$52,709.51

Payments

Administration

Salaries of Dist. Officers	\$ 271.00	
Superintendents' Salaries, Local Share	453.27*	
Tax for State Wide Super- vision	394.00	
Salaries of Other Adminis- trative Personnel	422.70	
Supplies and Expenses	408.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,949.22

Instruction

Teachers' Salaries	\$20,062.00	
Books and Other Instruc- tional Aids	642.56	
Scholars' Supplies	768.95	
Supplies and Other Ex- penses	166.71	
	<hr/>	21,640.22

Operation of School Plant

Salaries of Custodians	\$ 1,505.50	
Fuel or Heat	703.15	
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	401.42	
	<hr/>	2,610.07

Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs and Replacements	1,184.30
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Auxiliary Activities

Health Supervision	\$ 558.62	
Transportation	5,885.00	
Tuition	15,497.27	
Special Activities and Spe- cial Funds	149.42	
	<hr/>	22,090.31

Fixed Charges

Retirement	\$ 1,425.66	
Insurance, Treas.'s Bonds and Expenses	230.51	
	<hr/>	1,656.17

Capital Outlay

Lands and New Buildings	\$ 200.00	
New Equipment	354.11	
	<hr/>	554.11

Total Net Payments for All Purposes	\$51,684.40
Cash on Hand at End of Year June 30, 1955	1,024.61
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Grand Total	\$52,709.01

**Explanation of Difference Between Net (Actual)
Expenditures and Gross Transactions**

Total Net Payments, plus Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	\$52,709.01
Payments Refunded or Returned, Pay- ments Made on Centralized Purchas- ing for Other Districts	.50
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Total Gross Payments	\$52,709.51

*Hanover \$3,248.30, Orford \$494.00, Enfield \$971.77, State \$2,500.00

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1955

Assets

Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	\$ 1,024.61
Total Assets	\$ 1,024.61
Grand Total	\$ 1,024.61

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District:	
World Book Company	\$ 38.51
J. L. Hammett	7.47
Scott, Foresman and Company	36.74
Follett Publishing Company	25.00
Ginn and Company	32.08
Rochester Germicide Company	35.10
Row, Peterson and Company	227.88
White River Paper Company	96.14
Gledhill Brothers, Inc.	140.15
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Total Liabilities	\$ 639.07
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	385.54
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Grand Total	\$ 1,024.61

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	\$ 231.06
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Received from Selectmen:

Current Appropriation	\$39,111.40
Special Appropriations	1,200.00
Balance of Previous Appropriations	1,734.24

Received from State Treasurer:

State Funds	10,256.77
Received from Tuitions	20.00
Received as Income from Trust Funds	155.54
Received from all other sources	.50

Total Receipts	52,478.45
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$52,709.51
Less School Board Orders Paid	51,684.90

Balance on Hand June 30, 1955	\$ 1,024.61
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Mildred M. Grant,
District Treasurer

July 23, 1955

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Lyme, New Hampshire, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and find them correct in all respects.

Albert W. Pushee,
Charles M. Sears, Jr.
Auditors

July 23, 1955

LYME ANNUAL REPORT

To The School Board and Citizens of Lyme:

I present herein my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Lyme. In preparing the report I have used freely from the report to me prepared by Mr. Williams and the other members of the staff.

Instruction

I want to again express appreciation to the Lyme teachers for the good work that they are doing. They are working against odds, of course, with the school facilities that are available to them and, particularly, when they have more than one grade to a room.

Testing Program

Lyme has not had a consistent yearly standard testing program either as to scholastic aptitude or as to achievement. The teachers and principal are now at work developing such a program. We hope that it will get a least a start during the current school year. When in operation, it will put us in a better position to appraise the work being done, the effectiveness of the program, and also the needs of individual pupils.

Science Program

All teachers were engaged during the last school year in a study of the science program and the changes needed. As a part of the study, they reviewed modern science textbooks from many publishers. They were seeking to find not only an excellent series of science books, but also one that would best meet the needs in Lyme. The series published by Row, Peterson and Company was finally selected. So far this year, all teachers are pleased with the student response to the books and with the good results that are being obtained.

Social Studies

It is contemplated that the social studies program will be the next principal area of study. Our program should be revised not only to improve it, but also to bring it more in line with the State Program.

School Buildings

The biggest improvement made during the year was the enlargement and painting of the fifth and sixth grade room at the Plain School. This resulted in a more pleasant and more adequate room. In connection with this work, a supply closet was built in the upper hall.

At the Center School, one room was painted and repair work done on the windows. There were, of course, other minor repairs in all buildings.

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The School Board's budget for 1956-57 provides for painting the seventh and eighth grade room at the Plain School and the upper grade room at the Center School. It also provides for painting the fire escapes at the Plain. They are getting quite badly rusted. Another important item planned for at the Center School is additional lights for the classrooms. The present lighting is inadequate. Obviously, other important but less costly items are included in the budget.

All of the above things are needed, both to improve the schools and, also, as part of a prudent long-range maintenance program. I hope that the School District Meeting will appropriate funds for this necessary work.

The maintenance work is good and necessary. It does not, however, attack the main problem, namely the inadequacy of the buildings to properly house the pupils or to carry on an up-to-date educational program. This question was well explained in the February, 1955, report of the School Improvement Committee.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Under the leadership of Mr. Williams and Mrs. Mesier, the year has shown a marked increase in athletic activities for the upper grade boys and girls. In the spring, there was baseball and softball. That carried over into the early fall, but also there was intramural league play for each the boys and the girls in volley ball. The boys, in

addition, had touch football. During the winter months, basketball is the principal sport. The boys' and the girls' teams play a schedule against neighboring towns.

All of this work is hampered by the poor playground and the very inadequate basketball facilities. Transportation to games is a problem. This year, Thetford Academy has been most helpful and generous in allowing our teams to use the Academy gymnasium for home games and for some practice. The boys and girls are, of course, happy about this opportunity. Twenty-two of them play on the teams. Another ten boys play during the noon hour.

In the late spring before school closes, a big field day is held. All pupils in the upper grades take part in at least three track or field events. An outdoor cook-out tops off the day.

The current year's budget provided a supply of balls, bats and other equipment for the above activities. I hope that they may have continued support. Added playground equipment, such as a jungle-gym, is needed, particularly for the smaller children.

It is highly important for all parents and pupils to recognize that students must have a physical examination before participating in the school sports. Obviously, the schools can not take responsibility for allowing them to compete unless there is a doctor's assurance that they are physically fit to do so. Of more importance, of course, is the welfare of the child. He should be in the sports, but only to the extent that he will be benefited by them and not harmed.

Teachers and Salaries

I expressed appreciation above for the good work that is being done by the Lyme Teachers. I wonder if the parents and citizens of Lyme understand how their teachers' salaries compare with the rest of the State. The following information may be of interest:

In 1954-55 the average salary of the full-time women teachers of Lyme was \$2,713.00.

In the same year, of the 1807 women elementary teachers in the State, only 488 received salaries of less than \$2,800.00.

Three of the Lyme teachers received less than \$2,700.00. Only 290 of the 1807 in the state were in the same boat.

The median salary for all elementary women teachers in the State was \$3,000.00. In other words, one-half of them received \$3,000 or more

The Lyme women teachers received no increase for 1955-56. I am informed that this was true in very few communities.

Miscellaneous

The milk program that is subsidized by the Federal Government was introduced into the Plain and Center Schools this year. Refrigerators were loaned to the schools by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fulton. As a result, quite a number of boys and girls are purchasing milk each day at a very low cost.

Miss Irma J. Simeneau has succeeded Mrs. Henrietta Higginbotham, retired, as school nurse for Lyme and Hanover. Mrs. Higginbotham made a tremendous contribution to the boys and girls of the two towns during her long years of service. Parents, children and school people regretted that it was necessary for her to retire. Since it was necessary, however, we were very fortunate to secure the services of Miss Simeneau.

Conclusion

In concluding, I want to express sincere appreciation to the members of the School Board, the members of the school staff and to the citizens of Lyme for their continued support and help.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur E. Pierce

Supt. of Schools

ENROLLMENT IN THE LYME SCHOOLS **AS OF JANUARY, 1956**

School	Teacher	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tot.
Plain	Woodward	16	20							36
	Rich			17	11					28
	Messier					10	12			22
	Williams							11	13	24
Center	Young	4	7	6	4					21
	Perkins					3	4	6	6	19
Chesley	Downs	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	17

ENROLLMENT BY YEARS AS OF JANUARY

	Plain	Center	Chesley	Total
1956	110	40	17	167
1955	113	42	17	172
1954	110	43	17	170
1953	101	40	12	153
1952	102	35	5	142
1951	95	39	20	154
1950	97	35	21	153
1949	98	33	18	149
1948	120	19	14	153

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1956-57 AS VOTED

	Days	
Schools open Wednesday, Sept. 5		
Teachers' Convention Oct. 18 & 19	56	
Thanksgiving Vacation		
Schools close Wednesday, Nov. 21, 12:15		
Schools open Monday, Nov. 26	18	74
Christmas Vacation		
Close Dec. 21, 1956		
Open Jan. 2, 1957	33	107
Winter Vacation		
Close Friday, Feb. 15		
Open Monday, Feb. 25		
Spring Institute		
Spring Vacation	40	147
Close Friday, April 19		
Open Monday, April 29		
Memorial Day, May 30		
Schools close Wednesday, June 12	34	181

LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administration

Salaries of District Officers	Actual Ex- penditures 1954 - 55	Adopted Budget 1955 - 56	Actual Ex- penditures July 1-Dec. 31, 1955	School Board's Budget 1956-57	Budget Com.'s Budget 1956-57
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	\$ 271.00	\$ 274.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 277.00	\$ 277.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision	453.27	486.12	504.46	495.36	495.36
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	394.00	440.00	440.00	454.00	454.00
Supplies and Expenses	422.70	443.08	35.00	467.40	467.40
	408.75	498.97	241.40	540.52	540.52

Instruction

Elem. Teachers' & Principals' Salaries	20,062.00	20,500.00	7,950.54	21,950.00	21,950.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids	642.56	650.00	644.97	650.00	650.00
Scholars' Supplies	768.95	655.00	739.60	860.00	860.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	166.71	390.00	197.07	410.00	410.00

Operation of School Plant

Salaries of Janitors	1,505.50	1,505.00	658.00	1,505.00	1,505.00
Fuel or Heat	703.15	845.00	650.37	950.00	845.00
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	401.42	575.00	284.04	625.00	575.00

Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs and Replacements	1,184.30	935.00	295.42	1,441.05	1,271.05
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Auxiliary Activities

Health Supervision	558.62	640.00	207.25	716.00	716.00
Transportation	5,885.00	6,300.00	2,298.00	6,120.00	6,120.00
Tuition, High	15,293.12	17,400.00	4,669.39	19,480.00	19,480.00
Tuition, Elementary	204.15	200.00		200.00	200.00
Special Activities and Special Funds	149.42	160.00	195.05	260.00	260.00

Fixed Charges

Retirement	1,425.66	1,500.00	418.16	1,571.32	1,571.32
Insurance, Treas.'s Bonds and Expenses	230.51	252.00	219.34	256.00	256.00
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$51,130.79	\$54,649.17	\$20,683.06	\$59,228.65	\$58,903.65

Capital Outlay

Lands and New Buildings	200.00				
Additions and Improvements		413.00	471.97	277.00	114.00
New Equipment	354.11	434.00	184.02	228.10	228.10
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 554.11	847.00	655.99	505.10	342.10
BUDGET DEFICIENCY		1,200.00			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OR SCH. APPRO.	\$51,684.90	\$56,696.17	\$21,339.05	\$59,733.75	\$59,245.75

RECEIPTS

Balance, actual or estimated
 State Aid
 Federal Aid
 Trust Funds
 Elementary School Tuition
 Other

	Actual Receipts 1954-55	Adopted Budget 1955-56	Actual Receipts July 1 to Dec. 31, '55	School Board's Budget 1956-57	Budget Com.'s Budget 1956-57
	\$ 231.06	\$	\$ 1,024.61	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,375.00
	10,256.77	10,256.77	15,557.25	15,557.25	15,557.25
	155.54	135.00	170.50	135.00	135.00
	20.00				
	.50	20.00		20.00	20.00
	\$10,663.87	\$10,411.77	\$16,752.36	\$17,087.25	\$17,087.25
	42,045.64		40,598.38	42,646.50	42,158.50
	\$51,223.17		\$56,696.17	\$59,733.75	\$59,245.75

TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN PROP. TAXES
 DIST. ASSESSMENT RAISED OR TO BE RAISED
 BY PROPERTY TAXES

TOT. APPRO. VOTED BY SCH. DIST.

Marriages registered in the town of Lyme for the year ending December 31, 1955

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name of Bride and Groom	Residence	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Mar. 26	Hanover	Frank A. Cutting	Lyme	28	U. S. Marines	Lyme	Lee W. Cutting Alice Hobart	Lyme	S Harland Lewis Clergyman, Hanover
		Jean S. Weedon	Hanover	26	Secretary	Hanover	Winslow Smith Gladys Burnham	Hanover	W
Apr. 3	Lyme	Harvey R. Balch	Lyme	19	Clerk	Lyme	Roy E. Balch	Hartford, Vt.	S J. Holland Maughan Clergyman
		Beverly M. Jenks	Lyme	20	Typist	Hanover	Olive Blanchard Chester Jenks	Orford	S Orford, N. H.
May 6	Vershire, Vermont	William C. Phelps	Thetford, Vt.	19	Mechanic	Topsham, Vt.	Marion Hanchett Ernest A. Phelps, Sr.	Lyme	S Nelson Bettinger Clergyman
July 9	Lyme	Carol Ann Drew	Lyme	18	At Home	Lyme	Harriett F. Sweetser Leslie P. Drew	Fayston, Vt.	S Vershire, Vt.
July 17	Orford	Augustine F. Pacini	Montpelier, Vt.	26	Florist	Vermont	Irene Blake Jack Pacini	Fairhaven, Mass.	S Forrest Perkins Justice of the Peace
		Alberta R. Borne	Montpelier, Vt.	28	Bookkeeper	Vermont	Florence Abbitt Albert Borne	Charlestown	D Lyme
July 31	Lyme	Clarence L. Pushee, Jr.	Lyme	17	Painter	Orford	Lillian Lee Clarence L. Pushee	Italy	S J. Holland Maughan Clergyman
		Hazel B. Davis	Orford	16	At Home	Lyme	Evelyn Tattersall Gerald W. Davis	Elmore, Vt.	S Orford
July 31	Lyme	Frederick F. Wagner	Lyme	38	Business	Wisconsin	Hattie K. Davis Edward R. Wagner	Elmore, Vt.	S Edwards Dickinson Clergyman
Aug. 14	Lyme	Creigh C. Stern	Lyme	35	Housewife	Illinois	Ellen C. Solberg John J. Collins	Ohio	D Lyme
		Douglas R. Trotter	Lyme	20	Student	Lebanon	Harriet D. Oliphant Rodolphe Trotter	Pennsylvania	S George T. Duke Clergyman
Sept. 12	West Lebanon	Corinne E. Gamage	Lyme	20	Nurse	Litchfield, Me.	Olive D. Goodell Russell W. Gamage	Vermont	S Colebrook, N. H.
		Robert E. Perkins	Lyme	25	Farmer	Hartf'd, Conn.	Edwin	Litchfield, Me.	D Guy E. Mossman Clergyman
Nov. 19	Lyme	Frances E. Seace	Hanover	18	At Home	Hanover	Marjorie Perkins Arthur Seace	Unknown	S W. Lebanon, N. H.
		Frank Mason, Jr.	Taunton, Mass.	56	Foreman	Taunton, Mass.	Esther Pressey Frank Mason	Gorham	S Leon Morse Clergyman
Dec. 23	Lyme	Helen G. Costello	Taunton, Mass.	42	Elect. Worker	Massachusetts	Katherine Curran James Costello	Bath	S Lyme
		Leo W. Estes	Hanover	18	Student	Hanover	Rose Philips George W. Estes	Boston	S J. Holland Maughan Clergyman
		Sally A. Chase	Lyme	20	Bank Clerk	Lebanon	Helen N. Sayah William F. Chase	Massachusetts	Orford
							Mildred Fey	Vermont	New York

BIRTHS

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Births Registered in the Town of Lyme for the year ending December 31, 19 55

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF THE CHILD (IF ANY)	SEX AND CONDITION			NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	Color of Parents	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS	OCCUPATION OF FATHER	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
			Male	Female	Living or Dead, if Child							
Jan. 9	Lebanon	Brian Doris	X		L	Frederic W. King	Catherine Doyle	W	Lyme	Carpenter	Barton, Vt.	Stafford, Vt.
10	"	Stuart Gordon	X		L	Richard G. Pond, Sr.	Charlotte Combs	W	"	Merchant	Tunenburg, Vt.	Tunenburg, Vt.
11	Hanover	Terry George	X		L	George W. Lawson	Joanne D. Brady	W	"	Grocery Man	Hanover	Morris, Vt.
12	Lebanon	Vicki Lynn		X	L	Gardner L. Imlaw	Velma C. Armstrong	W	"	Carpenter	Bromfield, Vt.	Newport, Vt.
22	Hanover	----	X		L	Phineas Galtier	Kiyoko I. Shigeki	W	"	Mechanic	Lyme	Yokohama, Japan
Feb. 4	Hanover	Larry Allen	X		L	Edward T. Olson	Myrtle I. Gibson	W	"	Farmer	Lyme	Newbury, Vt.
11	Lyme	Paul Thomas	X		L	Rendell L. Dennis	Elizabeth Davis	W	"	Parser	Stafford, Vt.	Worcester, N. H.
Mar. 1	Haverhill	Patricia Ann		X	L	Thomas Randall	Esther Lord	W	"	Laborer	North Easton, Mass	Boston, Mass.
May 3	Lyme	Thelma Mae		X	L	Harry Sprague	Barbara M. Hood	W	"	Truck Driver	Lincoln, Vt.	Piermont, N. H.
4	Hanover	William Joseph Jr.	X		L	William T. Morelle	Batzer L. Gray	W	"	Carpenter	Lyme	Lyme
5	Hanover	Steven Bruce	X		L	Robert L. Goodrich	Marion G. Dennis	W	"	Truck Driver	Greenham	Lyme
26	Hanover	Gary Lee	X		L	Joseph Hutchins	Rose T. Roman	W	"	Truck Driver	Rocheester	Lebanon
June 9	Hanover	Kathy Ann		X	L	Sally Barrett	Lella Willmott	W	"	Salesman	Lyme	Lyme
22	Lebanon	Timothy John	X		L	Franklyn K. Conrad	Sheila G. Silloway	W	"	Auto Mechanic	Putland, Vt.	Morrisville, Vt.
July 13	Hanover	Paye Ann	X		L	Weymouth H. Pike	Helan W. Marsh	W	"	Lumberman	Lyme	Wentworth
23	Lebanon	Karen Sue	X		L	Roscoe P. Garter	Anne DeGroot	W	"	Farmer	Morris, Vt.	Hanover
'Aug. 2	Hanover	Karen Sue	X		L	George Hobbs	Marion Pulsee	W	"	Salesman	Lyme	Lyme
6	Hanover	Richard Lee	X		L	Richard Chamberlain	Jane Manning	W	"	Miner	Newport, Vt.	Randolph, Vt.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Town Clerk.

Age of Father

Age of Mother

BIRTHS

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Births Registered in the TOWN of LYME for the year ending December 31, 19 55.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF THE CHILD (IF ANY)	SEX AND CONDITION		NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	Child of Parents	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS	OCCUPATION OF FATHER	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
			Male	Female							
Aug. 12	Haverhill	Rita Mae	x		L	2	W	Ell R. Stearns	Ramona LaDau	W	Lyme
Sept. 26	Hanover	Donald Elmer Jr.	x		L	4	W	Donald E. Pushee	Mabel O'Donnell	W	Hanover
Oct. 28	Hanover	Martha Mary		x	L	1	W	Lon J. Pike	Susan J. Waverbury	W	"
Dec. 2	Lebanon	William Reginald	x		L	2	W	William C. Piper	Beverly Hatch	W	"
Feb. 28, 1891	Lyme	Helen Luella		x	L		W	Dennis A. Hanchett	Lizzie C. Reed	W	"

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..... Pearl M. Dismick Town Clerk.

DEATHS

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Deaths Registered in the town of <u>Lyme</u> for the year ending December 31, 55				SEX AND CONDITION		PLACE OF BIRTH		OCCUPATION		PLACE OF BIRTH		NAME OF FATHER		MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	
DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME AND SURNAME OF DECEASED	AGE YRS. MOS. DYS.	Male	Female	Married	Single	Father	Mother	Father	Mother	Father	Mother	Father	Mother
Jan. 22	Hanover	-----		x				None		Phineas Gutter				Kiyoko Ishigaki	
Feb. 13	"	Lewis J. Warren	55	x				Farmer		Fred Warren				Jennie Camp	
Mar. 5	Lyme	Daniel P. Murphy	84		x			Retired		Michael Murphy				Helen Sullivan	
Apr. 2	Lyme	Homar D. Wilmott	62	x				Farmer		Erni Wilmott				Wynetta Packard	
June 12	Concord	Leon Rowell	57	x				None		Unknown				Unknown	
June 25	Woodsville	Fred H. Johnson	91	x				Retired		John J. Johnson				Harriett Fox	
July 8	Lyme	Fred J. Bryant	77	x				Farmer		Horace M. Bryant				Clara Chesley	
Aug. 6	Lyme	Robert H. Souder, Jr.	23	x				Unknown		Robert H. Souder				Hazel Kurtz	
Aug. 15	Lyme	Mary Parris Kemp	85		x			Housewife		John Calvin Farris				Elizabeth McNight	
Aug. 29	Hanover	Flora Wilmott	57	x				Housewife		Milton Wing				Mina Courtney	
Sept. 12	Hanover	Dansil H. Thompson	87		x			Farmer		William Thompson				Babbara Mackay	
Sept. 14	Hanover	Pamie E. Goodwin	84		x			None		George Hill				Mary Ann Waterman	
Oct. 17	Lyme	George W. Barnes	89	x				Bank President		River Barnes				Esther Gillett	
Nov. 15	Haverhill	Jennie Stewart	79		x			Housewife		William Wardrobe				Martha Moulton	
Nov. 15	Cranston, R.I.	Frank E. West	75		x			Retired Merchant		Edwin B. West				Margaret L. Ames	
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Dec. 17	Woodsville	Earl C. Perkins	71	x				Painter		Anna Perkins				Mary Clement	

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